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Title: SYNCHRONIZER RING

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2002 (Paper No. 9), kindly amend this application in the following manner.

Please cancel claims 3, 6-15, 17, 19, 21, and 23-55.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, and 16 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is included at the end of this Reply.

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1. (Twice amended) A synchronizer ring comprising:
a ring body which has a sliding region, and
a wear-resistant tribological coating with which the
sliding region is provided,
wherein the tribological coating is thermally sprayed
so as to have a porous microstructure produced without
machining,